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In re application of:
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For: CUTTING MEMBER

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AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 5-10 without prejudice.

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Please replace the text of claim 1 with the following text (A marked up version of the amended claim is attached hereto):

1. A cutting member comprising:

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WC having precipitated therein two or more solid solutions of WC and compounds selected from the group consisting of carbides, nitrides and carbonitrides of metals of group 4a, 5a, and 6a in the Periodic Table; and at least one metal of the iron group, wherein at least one of the two or more solid solutions is a solid solution having high Nb or Zr content.